

kle, esq'r. chairman of the committee on the part of the House of Delegates, I shipped the following books to the address of Messrs. Coale and Littell—"to be exchanged for books to be supplied to the State Library," viz:

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| 10 sets pamphlet acts of Congress, from 7th to 21st Congress. | \$31 00 |
| 3 sets K. H. & Watkins Laws of Md. | 75 00 |
| 5 sets Hume, Smollett and Bissetts History of England, | 50 00 |
| 4 copies of Kilty's Reports on British statutes, | 12 00 |
| 3 copies Kilty's Index to Laws of Md. unbound, | 6 00 |
| 3 sets Harris and Johnson's Reports, | 105 00 |
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| | \$279 00 |

A box of books has been received, in part payment of these above mentioned—which will be submitted to the determination of your committee.

In addition to the above, other purchases have been made, and such bills as have been received, are herewith presented, marked No. 4, 5, 6.

The order of the committee, directing the binding of public documents, &c. has been carried into execution.

During the past summer, I made out a full and very comprehensive catalogue of the books belonging to the State Library. There never has been a complete catalogue made until now—and such an one appearing to be necessary, I conceived it my duty to make it, and lay it before you for your examination and decision as to the necessity of having it printed for the use of the Library.

The room now occupied is far too small for the increasing usefulness of the State Library, and I would respectfully suggest the expediency of providing a more commodious and convenient apartment for this institution. The necessity of such a provision is apparent from the consideration of its augmented stock—and the propriety of preserving that inestimable property of the State from loss or damage. The chamber, at present appropriated to that purpose, occasioned by the imperfect covering of the roof of the State House with tin, leaks at almost every fall of rain—and some of the volumes have received injury thereby.

Were your committee to call the attention of the Legislature to the fact of the very general insecurity of the present covering of the State House—it would be rendering a public benefit—for no doubt such a representation coming